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RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

March, 1995

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RNA'S ELEVENTH ANNUAL SPRING FLEA MARKET

RNA is beginning to plan for our Eleventh Annual Spring Flea Market. At the Feb. 14th meeting, a Steering Committee was formed, including Patrick Moore, Dennis Elgrim, Ernie Quintero, Greg Brickey, and Valerie Rea. The following three Saturdays - June 3, June 10, June 17 - were suggested as possible dates. A vote on the final selection will be taken at the March 14th meeting.

This flea market serves as a fundraiser for RNA's many activities, including the publication of this newsletter. RNA needs volunteers and fresh new ideas to help make this year's event a big success.

HUDSON COUNTY ANIMAL LEAGUE

Last fall, RNA members Dennis Elgrim and Frank Sweeney found an abandoned cat near Cuneo Place, but since it was a little wild, they didn't know how to catch it. Seeing an article in the paper about the Hudson County Animal League, they were pleasantly surprised when they spoke to Anne Singer, the president, learning about how to handle the stray cat and information about the League in general. Needless to say, they have now adopted little "Teddy" which they rescued from the street. They also rescued another cat, named "Pip," about a month ago from the cold weather and the snow storm. They have also become members of the Animal League.

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RNA MEMBERSHIP DUES

Most people do not realize that a neighborhood association requires active participation of its members. Part of that participation is the annual membership dues of $5 per person. This is not a lot of money when you consider that it entitles you to nine issues of our newsletter, and if you live within the boundries, voting priviledges in RNA. Please support your association by paying your dues. Bring your dues to the next meeting, or make your check payable to RNA and mail to 232 Ogden Avenue. We need and appreciate your support.

The Executive Committee

ANNUAL RNA ELECTIONS

It's time once again to elect new executive officers for RNA. The nominations for Chair, Vice-chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Sgt.-at-Arms for the 1995 -1996 term were opened at the February meeting. The nominations will remain open until the March 14th meeting - at which time they will be closed and the election voting will take place.

To be eligible to vote and hold office, you must have paid your annual 1995 dues and live within the constitutional boundaries of the Association. The boundaries are Ogden and Palisaide Avenues from Cuneo Place to Congress Street.

The following persons have been nominated so far:

CHAIRPERSON: Greg Brickey
Vito Brunetti

VICE- CHAIR: Greg Brickey
Maria Tuzzo

SECRETARY: Kathy Packard
Maria Tuzzo

TREASURER: Jack Rea

SGT-AT-ARMS: Carol Rebelowski

We ask everyone to participate in this annual neighborhood activity. It is important for all residents to have a voice in decisions being made in their own community.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH 14TH MEETING:

1. GUEST SPEAKERS:
   - A. **Anne Singer, Hudson County Animal League**
   - B. **Stuart Koperweis, Economic Development Commission**

2. **Elections for the 1995-1996 RNA Executive Officers**

RNA MEETINGS: THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:15 PM
AT THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER

In Memory of Anthony Fiola

Last month, Jersey City lost a true friend and local son. Anthony Fiola was only 44 years old when he passed away. He will be missed by both family and friends.

His appointments included president of the Jersey City Merchants Council, commissioner of the Jersey City Sewerage Authority, member of the District 6 Fee Arbitration Committee of the Supreme Court's Office of Attorney Ethics, president of the St. John's Tenant's Association, president of the Dante Alighieri Society, chairperson of the Beautification Committee of Columbus Square and co-chairperson of a committee to feed the homeless in Journal Square during the holidays.

He was also active in the Clean Community and Anti-Graffiti Committees, Jersey City Historical and Preservation Association, Hudson County Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Hudson County Human Relations Commission, Afro-American Museum of the Jersey City Library, Jersey City Museum, Board of Trustees of Jersey City Cemetery and the Jersey City Tax Abatement Committee.

Tony Fiola is a fine example of a public servant who loved his fellow neighbors and co-workers. He truly believed in selflessly working to improve his community. We can all take pride in his memory and strive to continue his work for Jersey City.

ANIMAL LEAGUE (continued from page 1)

The Hudson County Animal League was organized a little over a year ago by local residents and animal lovers in response to problems at the Hudson County A.S.P.A., including state health law violations and the fact that they accept volunteers. In contrast, the Hudson County Animal League places cats and dogs in foster homes and then finds permanent homes for them. They also have a low cost spay/neuter program. Several members trap feral cats and get them spayed to prevent further reproduction.

The Hudson County Animal League meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM in the Pershing Field Community Center. Since the organization survives on donations and by selling things, a table will be set up at the RNA March meeting offering tee-shirts, sweat-shirts, animal craft items, and raffles chances for a cruise for two.

Dennis Elgrim

RNA Minutes:

February 14, 1995

Stuart Koperweis, of the Jersey City Economic Development Corporation (EDC), was RNA's guest speaker at the February meeting. Stuart spoke informally on the role of the EDC to stimulate business in Jersey City, and their plans for the Heights. He promised to return in March, to discuss the plans for Palisade Avenue in particular. (More info about the EDC on page 5.)

Nominations were opened for the March election of the RNA executive officers. Vito Brunetti and Greg Brickey were nominated for Chairperson. Greg Brickey, Maria Tuzzo and Kathy Brennan were nominated for Vice Chairperson, but Kathy Brennan declined. Kathy Packard and Maria Tuzzo were nominated for Secretary. Jack Rea and Carol Rebelowski were nominated for Treasurer and . For Sergeant-at-Arms, respectively.

A Steering Committee for the Spring Flea Market was formed (Patrick Moore, Dennis Elgrim, Ernie Quintero, Greg Brickey, and Valerie Rea), and candidate dates (June 3, June 10, June 17, all Saturdays) were discussed. A vote on the dates will be taken at the March meeting.

Dates and locations for the next "dumpster weekend" were discussed; motions were passed to have the dumpsters placed on Cuneo Place and Hobson Street, on the weekend of April 7 - 9.

The mailing of the draft letter, published in the February newsletter, which announced the Palisade Avenue Streetscape program was approved by the membership. Motions were also passed

a) to have RNA pay for the mailing - with the understanding that these costs may be reimbursed by the City;
b) to mail the letter in envelopes (versus folded and stapled), and
c) to purchase rubber stamps for the RNA return address and the Postal bulk permit, to support this and future mailings.

According to recent correspondence from Councilman Gaughan, the City has been undertaking a modernization program of the overhead traffic signals.Several intersections within the City have lights deemed illegal or unapproved, due to the age of the signals. Two of these are in our neighborhood: at Palisade and Bowers (installed in 1929), and at Palisade and Ravine (installed in 1964). If RNA does not intervene, these signals will be removed.

During discussion, it was noted that the intersection at Bowers is at the corner of Riverview Park, right at the bus stop and next to the children's playground. In addition, five roads feed into that intersection (Palisade Avenue north & south, Bowers east and west, and Holland Street). RNA will petition the City to renovate this intersection with a new overhead traffic signal.

The intersection at Ravine was also discussed. This case is not so clear; concerns centered less on the particular intersection than on the fact that the removal of this light would result in no traffic control between Franklin Street and Beacon (at Christ Hospital). Suggestions included adding a light at (or moving the light to) Ferry Street or Cuneo Place. RNA plans to express these concerns to the "proper authorities", and ask for a study to determine the best location.

The Coalition for a Better Waterfront is fighting the eastern route through Hoboken of the planned light rail system. A motion was passed to reiterate RNA's support for the alternate, western route.

The Park committee plans to submit a proposal to the CDBG Sweat Equity program, requesting metal fencing for the gardens, chain link fencing for the planned community gardens, miscellaneous tools, a bulletin board, access to the gazebo for tool storage, several hundred evergreen shrubs, and sundry accessories. A motion was passed to support this proposal to the CDBG.

Patrick Moore described a basketball league project he has been working on. In order to get support from the City (Recreation Department), he needs the backing of RNA. This league would be held in Riverview Park, and would include separate programs for younger and older kids. A similar program several years ago, started at PS 8, began as a neighborhood program but eventually expanded to include several other cities. Patrick would like to start a program that remains based in the neighborhood. Discussion on this topic will continue at the March meeting. (A reprint of Patrick's proposal appears on this page.)

A special thanks to our neighbor and friend Katherine Keens for her heroic efforts to save a nearby home from a freak fire. She notified the Fire Department and was able to provide access to the building - preventing extensive damage to the interior. RNA needs more individuals like Katherine to protect our neighborhood!

Kathy Packard, Secretary

LETTERS to the EDITORS

J.C. Police Questionnaire

[The following is a letter and questionnaire from the Jersey City Police Director Michael Moriarty.]

Jersey City is constantly trying to improve the quality of information and services provided by city agencies. To this end, we have designed a survey to help us identify the major concerns and activities of our City's fine community and civic organizations.

We believe that a comprehensive list of community organizations will enable the Police Department and other city agencies to better communicate information about public safety and opportunities to improve the quality of life in your neighborhood. Only through cooperative efforts can we make Jersey City a better place to live.

COMMUNICATION ORGANIZATION SURVEY

1) What on-going activities does your organization conduct?
2) What type of crime prevention or other information is most needed by your organization?
3) What is the best way for you to receive this information: newsletter, newspaper, telephone modem?
4) What does your organization see as the three (3) biggest problems facing your neighborhood or block?
5) What suggestions do you have that would help to reduce or improve these problems?

[Please consider these questions and either bring answers with you to the March 14th meeting or write your comments and mail them to 232 Ogden Avenue.]

Summer Basketball

(The following is a reprint of a letter from RNA member, Patrick Moore asking RNA to sponsor a local basketball program in Riverview-Fisk Park during the summer of 1995. Patrick will discuss this idea at the March 14th meeting. A vote will be taken asking the membership to support the proposal.)

This is a request for sponsorship. The Jersey City Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs is interested in forming partnerships with community organizations to develop and promote recreational opportunities in our neighborhoods.

Among youth in this area, basketball is one of the more popular recreational activities. Simply put, the game of basketball allows the participants to focus their time and their energies in a well-designated area. In addition, the game, when properly supervised, helps youth to develop a "team spirit." Learning to see beyond one own's self-interests, and playing by the rules are important lessons in the life of individuals and the community.

The Recreation Department can administer a summer basketball league in Riverview-Fisk Park, but it will only happen if and when a sponsoring organization - such as RNA - invites the Rec. Dept. to make it happen.

I am seeking the support of the Riverview Neighborhood Association membership in facilitating the development and implementation of a summer basketball program in Riverview-Fisk Park to begin during the next summer in 1995.

I am also looking for a few volunteers who are interested in coaching, sponsoring, and/or managing a team of local youth. The program is divided into two divisions. The first division is an evening basketball tournament which includes local youth - ages 16 to 25. Teams in the first division are expected to have a supervising adult or coach. Furthermore, participation in the first division also has a service commitment, in which a senior youth from each team spends time helping younger youth to develop their skills in the second division of the summer program which is limited to youth - ages 10 to 15.

I appreciate the opportunity to make this presentation, and I plan to publicly address and answer any questions or concerns you may have at the MArch 14th meeting. For further information, please contact **Patrick Moore** at **792-9390**.

HELP. . . I LIVE ON PALISADE AVENUE!

This morning I found a dead cat on the sidewalk in front of my house. Trash, syringes, crack vials, beer bottles and pit bulls. Just another Friday night on Palisade Avenue. Now that I've lived here a couple of years, I can see why so many people have just given up.

During a bad night on Palisade Avenue it can really seem as if there is no law or government. People can do whatever they want and there is no accountability. The avenue belongs to the criminals. Confront them and

you'll find out who has the most to lose. Standing up for yourself can have negative consequences.

One RNA member feels threatened because her house was burglarized by a neighbor who was later arrested. Another person had his tires slashed by unknown "neighbors. " Another person has been yelled at by a neighbor because she parks her car a few inches into his street space. It must be sad indeed to have lived here such a long time - only to see things sink to such a sorry condition. Oh yes, and our taxes are going up.

Greg Brickey.

FREE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS

[The following excerpts are from an article that RNA has printed - in the last three issues of our newletter - advertising grant programs for eligible citizens in Jersey City. Unfortunately, when members have called up to apply for these programs, they have received evasive responses. On March 1st, RNA Secretary Kathy Packard went to the Office of Grants Administration and Compliance to clear up any misunderstandings between this city agency and our organization. The second article describes that meeting with the Grants Office personnel.]

The City of Jersey City has been awarded Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Economic Development. The purpose of these grants is to benefit low and moderate income families and aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight throughout the City.

The **Palisade Avenue Streetscape Program** allots $50,000 for the purchase and planting of trees along Palisade Avenue between Franklin Street and Paterson Plank Road in Ward D.

The **Free Paint Program** will grant up to $500/per household for paint for the exterior rehabilitation of residential properties. The program covers all of Ward D, and eligibility is based on income or senior citizen status.

There is also a **Rehab Grant Program** which will provide up to $7,500.00 per residential 1-4 unit building for the elimination of Code violations, heating, plumbing and weatherization.

The **Facade Grant Program** will provide grants to neighborhood based businesses for exterior improvements. This grant will provide up to 75% of the cost of the project.

There is also a $120,000.00 **Neighborhood Improvement/"Sweat Equity" Program** that provides funding for community projects. The program works on a "75/25" basis, where the 75% is program funding and the 25% is community volunteer labor. RNA plans to apply for a $15,000.00 grant for improvements to Riverview-Fisk Park.

RNA has volunteered to act as the conduit for all of these City sponsored programs. Anyone interested should contact RNA for more information and application forms.

At noon today I called the Office of Grants Administration. After identifying myself, I asked if I could stop by today to pick up paperwork for the "Sweat Equity" program. The woman who answered the phone (I neglected to get her name) told me that not only had we missed the deadline, February 17, but that she believed our purpose was an 'inappropriate use'. I asked to speak with Ms. Hommas, the Director, but was told she was unavailable. The woman offered to have Ms. Hommas call me back. In the past, when I have been made such offers, I was never given the courtesy of a return call. Therefore, I asked if there was a time when I might be able to reach her. I was told that Ms. Hommas was unavailable all day. I left my name and number.

Early in the afternoon, since I was in the area, I stopped by at the Office of Grants Administration, to try and get the forms anyway. A woman asked if she could help me; I identified myself, mentioned that I had called a little earlier, and asked if I could get a copy of the Sweat Equity paperwork, even though the deadline had passed. (Once again, I neglected to get her name.) The woman said she would get the paperwork for me.

After waiting for about five minutes, another woman came out of the offices and introduced herself to me as 'Karen'. I assume this was Ms. Hommas. She explained to me that our project was an inappropriate use of CDBG funds because it was for Riverview-Fisk Park. She said she was frustrated because of the large number of phone calls she had received from RNA and that she had spoken with at least six other people from RNA, who had called asking about various grant programs, including the paint program and the facade program.

I asked if I could have a copy of the paperwork for the Sweat Equity program, so our executive committee could review it and understand why we were ineligible. She said that there was nothing in the application that would indicate our ineligibility; that although she could let me look at a map that showed the eligible areas, I would just have to take her word for it. She could give me nothing on paper. She said that, with the exception of the Ward D Paint Program, NO CDBG MONEY was available for projects within RNA boundaries.

I mentioned that we at RNA were unaware of the February 17 deadline. Ms. Hommas answered that they had taken out two full page ads in the Jersey Journal in January to that effect. I asked how our representatives at the CDBG meeting last fall could have come away with such a misunderstanding about the applicability of the programs discussed. Rather than answer that question, she explained that the meeting in question was a steering meeting, that it was not open to the public, and that Vito was present only because one of the members had asked if he could be present. She said that she had made several calls to Vito to try and clear this up, but that he did not return her calls. She said she would try to reach him again.

I asked [for the third time] if I could take a copy of the paperwork for the Sweat Equity program and perhaps a copy of the map as well. She said the map was too large and it was not possible to copy it, but that she would give me a copy of the application.

Kathy Packard

Community Updates:

ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTION ON OGDEN AVENUE

(The following is an update of the ongoing problems at the construction site at 234-236 Ogden Ave., Jersey City [Block #750 - Lots 55, 56, 139, 140]. In a letter, dated February 3, 1995, Michael Regan, Construction Official for the Department of Housing and Economic Development, notified the community of the following developments:

1) The commercial structure has formally been issued a Stop Work Order with no work permitted. The zoning issue is being handled through Mr. Wilson's attorney, Anthony Modafferi and the Zoning Officer, Anthony Lambiase.
2) The issue of the addition to the wall has been addressed to the Architect of record, Mr. Arthur Sikula, who has presented a plan to Mr. Wilson as to supporting same.
3) References to the removal of the wall will be decided upon an inaction by Mr. Wilson and his professionals to achieve compliance with the situation.
4) In the matter of 236 Ogden Avenue, a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy has been applied for and based on inspections, the premises has currently no outstanding life safety issues, and those violations that have been cited have been reviewed by the architect for abatement.
5) The matter of construction work being performed on Saturday, as I have indicated by memo to the Police Director should be handled by the officer at the scene.
6) Inspections have been periodically conducted at the site.
7) References made to parking on sidewalks, trespassing, littering and open burning are not within our jurisdiction and should be addressed with those responsible parties concerned.
8) In conclusion, be advised that a meeting will be held in [Michael Regan's] office on February 6, 1995, to discuss matter of compliance with Mr. Wilson. If compliance is not met at the time of this meeting, I have prepared the matter for disposition in the municipal court.

In addition to the Building Department monitoring these problems, the Jersey City Law Department and the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office have also investigated this situation.

THE EDC IS TRYING TO MARKET JERSEY CITY

At RNA's February meetings, Stuart Koperweis, of the Jersey City Economic Development Corporation (EDC), spoke about the goal of the EDC to stimulate business in Jersey City. Stuart will return in March to discuss the EDC's plans for the Heights and Palisade Avenue in particular.

The EDC is seeking to find a food store tenant for the old A&P building. Koperweis feels that "demographics" is the reason for businesses leaving the area, as well as the reason for new businesses not moving in. Additionally, national food stores want space on the order of 50,000 square feet; the A&P building is 15,000 square feet at most.

The EDC is developing a marketing plan and materials for Jersey City as a whole. This activity will set the foundation for both neighborhood-specific and city-wide marketing campaigns. EDC plans to hire a "Main Street Manager", who will attend to the development of individual areas within Jersey City. The EDC had 'virtually no budget' until last year; this year's budget is $3,000,000. Among their activities have been negotiations with businesses, to attract them to Jersey City and to solicit community assistance from such companies. Examples are the Daily News, who will provide training programs for residents to be employed at their new Jersey City plant; and with Brown Brothers, who have donated computers to local schools. In the next few weeks, EDC will publish the third issue of their new quarterly newsletter, aimed at informing the public about the role and activities of the organization.

The EDC administers several programs, including the Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) and the Special Improvement District (SID) to simulate local business in Jersey City. Although approximately 80% of Jersey City holds a UEZ classification, the RNA neighborhood does not, nor is our area considered an SID. An agreement with the state prevents Jersey City from requesting new UEZ classifications until 1996. The grants from the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG) effects only a part of Palisade Avenue. To help RNA deal with the CDBG grant rules and limitations, Mr. Koperweis will provide RNA with a copy of the Community Development (CD) map.

EDC has planners and architects who can help RNA with the Palisade Avenue Streetscape project (tree plantings). Mr. Koperweis will return in March for further discussions. RNA hopes to get some of the Palisade Avenue business owners to attend.

Kathy Packard

CITY WANTS SUGGESTIONS FOR SUMMER GAZEBO CONCERTS

The Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs is preparing to organize another season of the "Gazebo Music Series" for the summer of 1995 in each of the City's neighborhood parks. The Division of Cultural Affairs is seeking suggestions for the type of music, or more specifically, what musical groups could be invited this year to perform at these events.

RNA can also help the program by finding sponsors or contributors to support these concerts. For more information or any suggestions, call 547-5018 during the day.

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Bulletin board

From Valerie's Kitchen:

Fettuccine with Red Pepper and Basil Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

2 large garlic cloves, minced
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
a pinch of dried hot red pepper flakes
1/4 teaspoon died thyme, crumbled
1 tablespoon of olive oil
2 red bell peppers, sliced thin (about 2 cups)
2/3 cup chicken broth
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh basil leaves
fresh lemon juice to taste
1/2 pound fettuccine
freshly grated Parmesan as an accompaniment

1) In a small skillet cook the garlic, the onion, the red pepper flakes, the thyme, and salt and pepper to taste in the oil over moderately low heat, stirring, until the onion is softened.
2) Add the bell peppers and the broth, and simmer the mixture, covered, for 10 minutes, or until the peppers are very soft.
3) In a blender puree the mixture until it is smooth, return it to the skillet, and swirl in the butter.
4) Stir in the basil, the lemon juice, and salt and pepper to taste and keep the sauce warm.
5) In a kettle of boiling water cook the fettuccine until it is al dente, drain it well, and transfer it to a serving bowl.
6) Add the sauce, toss the pasta well, and serve it with the Parmesan. Serves 2.

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTERS

Within the last few months, RNA has received issues of three more newsletters published by organizations in Jersey City and Hudson County. If anyone is interested in getting on their mailing lists, contact the following:

1) **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS** (A newsletter publicizing the efforts of the Guardians of Justice to prevent crime and enforce justice), a publication of the United Neighborhood Association of Greenville; for more information, call Russ Hannigan 333-3205.
2) **HORIZON MAGAZINE**, a publication of the Horizon Health Center, 710 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, 07306; (201) 451-6300.
3) **HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP** (A newsletter about the **HCCP's** community approach to preventing alcohol and substance abuse), a publication of the Hudson County Department of Human Services, 567 Pavonia Avenue, Room 111, Jersey City, N.J. 07306.

MARCH

Top of the Morning to you all,
March is Ash Wednesday,
St Pat's Day, St. Joseph's Day,
Spring is around the corner
And so is the RNA Flea Market.
Happy St. Pat's Day to all!
Madeline Rea

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1) Prostrate Support Group: March 15: 6:00 PM
2) Patients with Airway Disease: March 22: 6:00PM
3) Diabetes Awareness Program: March 30: 2 - 5 PM

For more information, call 795-8030.

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POLICEBEAT

Community Service **Police Officers Joseph Sarao** and **Jaclyn Baljko** request that any citizen that has a problem, a safety concern or knowledge of criminal activity, contact them at **547-5350** (to leave a message for them at the North District station's frontdesk) or **547-5719** (to leave a message on their voice mail). Officer Sarao can also be reached by dailing his beeper number: **517-2379**. When leaving a message, include your name, telephone number, street address, the nature of the problem and a date and time of the message. All calls will be kept confidential.

At the February RNA meeting, Officer Sarao, talked to the membership and discussed quality-of-life issues, including: K-9 support for CS Officers, residential break-ins, tire slashing, and vacant buildings. Noting that in winter, crimes may become more violent, and tend to be of a "hit-and-run" nature, Officer Joe advised residents to **"keep your eyes open, look around, and have your keys ready when going to your house or car."**

[See Police questionnaire on page 3.]